

## **Report of Accomplishments**

**Fiscal Year 2005**

**Blaine Soil Conservation District**

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**Counties Served Blaine**

**Legislative District(s) 25**



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### **Function or Conservation District Mission**

To coordinate and deliver technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil, and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

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### **Natural Resource Improvements Summary**

- 13 Cooperators installed/maintained management practices Improving irrigation, grazing conditions, riparian areas and Wildlife habitat.
- 5 structures for water control for improved irrigation
- 1500 ft. of fencing to enhance grazing management
- 2500 ft of stream bank repair for erosion and wildlife Habitat.
- Grass seeding on 72 acres
- 8 irrigation systems on 700 acres



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### **Conservation District Priority # 1 –Water Resources/Quantity**

- Engaged in water resource planning with the Fish Creek Reservoir Company for dam rehabilitation and water storage. Doug Surerus Blaine SCD Supervisor, chairs the rehabilitation effort.
- Coordination with the Little Wood River Irrigation District on irrigation water conservation and management. Bob Simpson, Blaine SCD chair, manages the irrigation water delivery system.
- Assist Natural Resources Conservation Service with manual Snow Surveys on three sites in Blaine County.
- Assisted Little Wood Irrigation District in design of pressurized irrigation system, 11,000 acres.

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### **Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality**

- Partnered with the United States Geological Service to conduct a nitrate ground water survey in the Wood River Valley.
- Reviewed Big Wood River TMDL with the State Soil Conservation Commission.
- Reviewed Little Wood River Draft TMDL

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### **Conservation District Priority # 3 – Weed Control**

- Participation in the Southern Idaho Bio Control Program on 30 sites in Blaine County.
- Sponsor for the knapweed insectory.

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## Information & Education/ Public Outreach

### Youth Environmental Education

- Sponsored a 5 member team and advisor to the Idaho Envirothon Competition.
- Participated in the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District Division IV Speech Contest.
- Provided financial support for the FFA Soil Evaluation Contest.

### Adult Environmental Education

- Consistent supporter of “Farm Day”, an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to share and learn from each other.

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## Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Conducted a Conservation Tree Sale Program for windbreaks, animal habitat, riparian areas, and stream bank stabilization.
- A sponsor for the Environmental Resource Center “Clean Sweep” Program: 172 people picked up 6,840 lbs. of litter in Bellevue.
- Supporter of Little Wood River Land Trust and their conservation efforts in Blaine County.

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**Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners** - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Blaine County	District Operations	\$ 11, 800.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 22, 864.00
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources	Adjudication	\$ 37, 000.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 420,553.00

**Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices**

**Blaine Bug Crew: Bio-weed Control**

